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# N. E. P. A.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Talmage & Sons, the largest rice merchants in New York, assigned Friday. They are against silver money, of course, or were.

The Cochett and Fitz-immons fight will be pulled off one of these days and then the next important event will be the Presidential election.

suggest that if executives and legisla of good would be accomplished

The Richmond merchants continue to assign. Two or three assignments a day is not an unusual record there. Yet we don't hear that they say a word to the 'sound maney' Pimes and product exchang a and speculators in Dispatch about nelping to bring on this trouble.

The Charlotte Observer is one of the few discreet gold papers. It is too honest to claim that the policy it advocates is a good one, but revers s Davy Crocketts' eclebrated advice and does not say: "Be sure you are wrong and then go shead."

Bradstreet's report for the week ending March 6th, says: Mercantile collections, are generally unsatisfactory. Well you folks got silver demonetized, gold bonds and cussed the Alliance and other good people for protesting against it, and no y you are Lowling calamity.

What about the Alliance shoe factory? We need not say more now about the advantages of such an en terprise in our State. The burning question is the paying up of the stock pledged throughout the State by Al liances and individual members. Sen i in the cash.

Both Dan and Bradstreet's Commercial agencies report a "downward tendency" in the price of nearly all farm products and manufactured goods. The goldougs who have been shouting "re turning prosperity" for two years will please explain why their explanations

Spain continues to fight America with one hand and write appologies the winds. He said the essential fact, with the other. She says the cordial however. A London Jew has been of Agriculture has turned into the relations existing between the two governments will not be changed un-Jess the U. ited States grows more hos tile, or words to that eff ct. Spain has closed the four Universities where the students become so rictous.

all most of them have been advertis paying medium.

### WHAT THE ALLIANCE WILL DO.

No county or State has a more energet ic or sincere Allianceman than Bro. W. H Davis, of Vance county. In a letter to the editor he writes: "I induced five new members to join our Alliance last Saturday, and have several more on the stool of repentance. If we will take care of the Alliance, the Alliance will take care of the country."

The work of getting new members i very commendable and so is the sentiment expressed. It is indeed true, that if we will take care of the Alliance, the Alliance will take care of our country Those words ought to be kept before the people by every reform paper and speaker in the country. The People's party, the silver party and this party and that may be all they claim, even more, but the fact remains that our great fraternal industrial organization is the basis for all material political reform. The incubator turns out living chickens and our organization turns out living issues and men to push them forward No matter how many mis takes individual members and the or ganization as a whole may have made, the Alliance stands at the head of the reform list. It has opened the eyes of the masses to an extent that no other organization can approach. It has obliterated the so called Mason and Dixon's line and caused the old soldiers to burry all past differences. The speaker or writer who attempts to work on the feelings of the people in any section of of the North or South where the Al liance has a footbold, will be hissed The Alliance has been instrumental in building colleges and school houses too numerous to mention, and the seed sown will yet result in bountiful har vests far in the distant future. Slowly but surely the political education has brought the people to a full realization of the critical condition of the country and the great battle of right against wrong will be frought cut on the real great issues instead of mythical and minor ones. All these things and many and by the people,"-L. L. Polk, July | more should inspire us and cause us to heed the words so well said by Bro Divis: "If we will take care of the Alliance, the Alliance will take care of the country."

> PASSING OF THE SUB-TREAS URY.

Just now there is a good deal of talk about the elimination of the sub treas ury plank from the platform of the during the recent meeting at Washing on, the delegates denoties thought if the wisest course to pursue. There is We have never fevered pugilism, but | not and never has been a plank in the Alliance platform that is not subject tors would work as hard to prevent to changes or total elimination if some wronging of the masses, as they do to thing better can be affered, or if, after stop a prize-fight, an enermous amount | mature d lib ration, it is found in practicable.

The sub treasury idea is a very old one. When the Alli race first took it up the object was to make efforts to get the farmers out of the hands of the futures, and at the same time, in crease the circulating medium. It has been shown that cotton, grain and to bacco-could be handled in that way, and, to some extent, the farmers could control the prices of these products ac cording to supply and demand, a me thing badry needed. But the system is expensive and cumbersome. It is possible that proper financial legislaion and laws to suppress the gamble ing in futures, will do all that can be daimed for the sub-treasury scheme, and do it better This is sufficient ex planati m, and the continued clatter of the political papers will just be a waste of much needed strength.

## REV. MYRON READ ON TILLMAN,

everal m litous are thinking, and said legislated against it, if they could speak, in their tone of voice Of course he threw dignity to made receiver for the United States.

sociates with Senators, Justices of the Toe way the big advertisers are of corporations, Chauccey Depew dropping into the columns of The Chauncey is the champion clog-dancer thing. I am so hungry." She was guano.

that she lied to me. There was the in ff sceable stamp of reality on her look and in her words. Now Senator Tillman feels this girl's thoughts. That girl is one of the victims of the way we vote or allow our vote to be shoved aside.

Here is the Senate of the nation. where the other day one ex radroad attorney spoke of "the splendid rhet oric" and "fervid elequence" and 'matchless ability" of another ratiroad attorney. Matchless wind! We have Armenia right around the corner, The Inter Ocean of Caicago complains that the free soup-house is a failure. The poor have not clothes enough on to get to the soup house decently.

I suppose Senator Tillman feels the conditions. What he said was to me like lightning and thunder and rain after a dead, sultry, li'eless and respec table afternoon in July.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT MEXICO.

The unknown correspondent of the Charlotte Observer signing himself 'Junius" recently undertook to kill the orce of Judge Walter Clark's Mexico etters with a lot of high sounding English. Of course his efforts have been failures, but in order to show just how much "Junius" diln't know about Mexico we will quote some facts and thes, who may have read the articles by "Junius" can compare the facts with his fancies.

We remember that either "Junius" or some other correspondent of the Ob server ridiculed the idea of cotton be ing worth 16 or 18 cents per pound in Mexico, and asked why the farmers in Texas didn't sell their cotton in Mexi-

co. The United States Consul, located at Matamoros, Mex., in hi reports dated September last, stated that cotton was saling at '16 and 18 cents per pound to the factories at Monterey. Want any better proof Mr. Goldbugh It is from one of your highest officials In an official document. True these prices are in Mexican silver, which was not depreciated in that country until after the goldbugs got possession of this government. Sixteen or eighte n dollars in Mexico pays as much deb., etc., in Mexico to day as the same amount in the United States, but since silver was demonstized Mexican money will not pass for its value in this; country, nence our people cannot afferd to re-

In the December 1895 reports of the National Alliance. In taking this step U.S. Consul at Merida, Mexico, he says: "Rulroad passenger and freight rates are about half what they are in the United States." In other words the Mexican rates are 2 and 3 cents per mile, and as silver money has not depreciated there and prices are about double what they are here, it is easier for the M-xican people to pay 2 and 3 conts per mile toan it would be for our people to pay I and II cents were our passenger rates that low, But our pas-enger rates remain the same, or neurty so, and we have has than bail the money to pay for riding, hence we are accusing paying 4 and 6 ceets for what our Mexican neighbors are get ting for just balf those figures.

> Benator Rausem is the special pet of he Observer and "Junius" He is a goldong. While in Washington some time ago he stated that "Mexico is un plestionably very prosperous."

No inform d man will doubt that stiver can hold its own as all times with gold, if given a chance. The report of the U 3 Superintendent of the mint issued last D cemb r stated that the products n of gold for the year just ended was about \$192,000 (00; of silver \$243 000 000, a very sight dif ference, showing that the colonge ratio could easily be maintained at 16 to 1 In 1873, when silver was first demone Sepator Tillman said some words in | tized, it was worth \$1.20 per ounce, Washington the other day that remind | The Bland law partially ris fred it in me of words that I heard on Larimer | 1878, but it had a recty read to travel, street, and in barber shops, and in andremained low. But in 1890 the smoking cars. A driver of an express | Sherman law was passed, giving it a wagon had said the same thing to me limited chance, and then the price in about the same style. It is about jumped at once to \$1.17 per cuace, what the West and South are think- showing to the satisfaction of any sane ng. Mr. Tillman is a Senator of the person that a complete restoration people and for the people. He is not free and unlimited coinage -as the the Senator of a legislature. Of course | Constitution of the United States pro

## BUYING TOO MUCH GUANO.

Since Dec 1 1855 the Commissioner State Treasury \$23 906 75, on account

NER.

The Farmers' Voice gives the follow ing account of a recent swell dinner given by Secretary of Agriculture Morton:

"The horny-handed son of toil, Sec retary of Agriculture, has been giving a dinner to the President. Accord ing to the dispatches the decorations of the dining room and table symbol ized Secretary Morton's place in the capinet. The central table decoration was a large plow of smilax and red carnations. At either end of the table were piles of spun sugar in the form of haystacks, with rakes and pitchforks of candy on the sides. Group ings of vegetables in sugar were ar ranged at various places, while at the four corners of the table were little wheel barrows of cabbages, containing candied green peas, potatoes, cherries and apples. Punch was served in fruits and ice cream in little farm wagons made of candy. The name cards bore the coat of arms chosen for the Agri cultural Department by Secretary Morton, namely, a green tree, with the motto, "Plant Trees" The table dec this was an agricultural feast

have seen Uncle J rry Rusk or Nor his nearest town. man J Colman in the midst of such stock men would have acted amidst curnation plows and sugar pitchforks and fruits which contained booze smallest reputation that we ever saw goods and force you to accept it. did not receive recognition, probably

#### ----A NOTE OF WARNING.

The American gives a timely note of warning in regard to making money scarce: To make money scarce and difficult to get has the same effect on he value of money as a scarcity of wheat has on the value of grain. The scarcer money is made, the further the supply is contracted, the demand remuning the same, the greater must e me the value of the smaller volume of m mey, upon which is thrown the surden of effecting the exchanges be fore performed by a greater volume just as a dominution in the harvest of wheat, while the number of meachs to be fed remains the same, naturally leads to an increased price for wheat, Unless the demand for money is reduced at the same time that the volume is contracted, it must become scarce and appreciate. And while population and production are increasing, the demand for money must increase, just as surely as an iccreasure in the number or a small engine, and a cotton press. of mounts to be fed will lead to an increased demand for wheat, for the de hand for money consists of the total volume of goods on the market-that revolving box press takes the place of s, in the hands of those desirous of excoanging their products for money, and it follows of necessity that inchased production will lead to an in creased quantity of goods on the market and increas d demand for money. The demand for money can only decrease as a result of d clining population or business paralysis and curtailed production. A decline in the demand for money is a sure sign of a decline of prosperity. Therefore, contruction of the volume of money in a tion of modern ginueries in North and State advancing in population and Suth Carolina. The results of their civilization must make money scarcer and dearer, as will be evidenced by a general fall in prices.

## HARMONY IN THE ALLIANCE.

Above all things let your deeds and actions be in harmony with the prin he has fractured all etiquette, compro | vides, will put it on par with gold, and | ciples of the Order. In all that you do mised all conventions, but he said what it will stay there so long as it is not or say in or out of the Alliance room act with your brothers and sisters Nothing can or will promote the use fulness of yourself or the Order a harmonious action, says the Pennsyl vania Adiance Advocate.

Braunit in all things which come What does the average Sonator know of tonneg tax and fertilizers As this up in the meeting room, and recollect of the condition of the people? He as- tax is 25 conts per ton the tax paid that you are working for others as shows a sale of 95 627 tons so far well as yourself and family. Do not Supreme Court, ex Presidents, Wana this year, and the indications are that be selfish and think that the Alliance maker, and 'the walking delegate' siles have not more than fairly com | cannot get along without you, but act as if you recogniz d the fact that Verrily the fertilizer dealers, and the all in the Alliance are your equals, and PROGRESSIVE FARMER and the large of the century. Yesterday, not three railroads are preparing to reap what that you need the assistance of the space they want, shows that they un blocks from my house. I met a pour the farmers so v this year, and our other members as well as they need derstand the value of the paper as a girl, not decently clad to be out of farmers are not sowing sparingly yours. F.el that what is a benefit to medium to reach the people. Best of doors, and she said: 'Give me some either, in fact are sowing too much you will and should benefit others. Do not become personal in your laning with us more or less for years, and so weak she could hardly stand. She | Why should not the farmers estab | guage and should there be a member the more space they take the better said; "I don't wonder that people kill lish their own fertilizer factory, and present who is not your equal in speech guarantee to other people that it is a themselves," and I was in perplexity save the profits at least, if there is any or argument, do not by any means whether to cry or swear. A million prefit in it? And surely there must be, make the member feel his or her defi-

affidavits would not make me think A SWELL AGRICULTURAL DIN- ciency. No, rather sympathize with the member and thank Providence that you have been found worthy of the blessings you have. Do not be dicta torial. It is contrary to Alliance doc trines, and there are many persons who take off use at others who always think that they alone know best. Give every one a chance to off r an opinion, even if your opinion is best, give others a chance, bringing in your opinion, if you are sure it is best, last. If you have offered the best method all will at once agree with you, whereas had being side-tracked. You would just as you offered your opinion first much of | it would have become lost during the tion to a hungry man.-Kansas Poptalk and opinions which generally fol Pay as much attention to the opinions of the humblest as to the best and by all means discuss everything offered, with your vote who brings hard times this will make the proposer feel that upon you. -Pennsylvania Alliance Ad some interest is attached to his or her vocate. words. By all means work in harmony and you will soon find out that you have no trouble to keep your mem bers and also have a good regular atendance.

### FARMERS SHOULD ADVERTISE

oration was so unique that when the friends-the farmers-fully appreciate put it out where the people can see it President sat down he remarked that the value of advertising. The people of the cities who buy or manufacture "There should have been a barnyard anything to sell never fail to seek cus | prolong its reign by working upon the in the decorations, we submit. It would | tomers through some medium of adhave been a good thing, too, to have vertising, yet the farmer who raises wealth is aggregated in a few hands, an ox representing the Department of potatoes, onions, fruits, bogs, cattle, and liberty destroyed - Abraham Lin-Agriculture, as a whole, and a donkey sheep, horses, poultry etc., for the coln. standing at the head of the animal, in | market seems to think he can find no the act of braying. We should like to place to dispose of his products save duce a living. The system under which

This is a mistaken idea—a false imsurroundings, just to have seen how pression and the sooner our farmers don't you forget to remember this fact. those old common farm rs and live realize the fact the more prosperous will they be.

Don't allow the merchants of any one village or town to have a monopoly This man Morton has a great head, in on your products. Don't let any one fact, it is the biggest head, with the set of tradespeople put a price on your

on human shoulders. By the way, Place your own price on the articles someone moved in Congress the other you wish to dispose of, then advertise iay to reduce the salary of the Secre | in some good paper that reaches all vary of Agriculture to \$25 a year. It classes of buyers and your customers will seek you and pay your price in because the members thought it was stead of you seeking your customers and selling them at their figures

> This is business, and a farmer must conduct his selling and buying on business principles.

Any farmer who desires advice re garding the writing and placing of an dvertisement will be furnished same free of charge if he will write a lette: of inquiry to this office.

It is our desire to aid and instruct i favor on us by dropping us a line when .o be the best of our atility.

#### 41415 MODERN COTTON GINNERIES

an Institution in Charlotte Which is Making Right Here All the Wachinery for bandling Cotton

We used to spe k of cotton girs. Now "t is cotton gieneries. The reason | demonetiz rs of 1873. Pour times for the change is plain enough Formerly it was one cotton gin, four mules The mules have disappeared, there are two or more gins, and a larger engine, and the direct acting steam press or the screw press. Cotton is no longer taken from the wagon by the negro and basker, but is elevated by a suction fan, automatically distributed to the gins and carried thence to the press, without labor or expense.

Liddell Company, of this city, who have built more cotton presses than any single factory in the world, and who have been leading all others in this ine in Texas and the Southwest, have lately undertaken the introduc efforts will be clearly shown this fall. They are now making in their own factory here in Charlo te all the machin ery for handling cotton. The system they employ is known as the Murry system and is distinguished by the fact that all the handling of the cotton is done by suction. The elevating of the seed cotton and the conveying of the lint to the press, being all done by air drafts, the cotton is cleaned of all dust, dirt and leaves, in the best possible manner and during the process of gin-

There is room for improvement in handling cotton after it is made and picked as well as in the method of its cultivation Low prices demand improvement in the sample and in the expense of ginning. Whenever there is a demand, decided and uumistakuble some one always appears to meet it It is a pleasure to know and to tell that the demand for improved, that is, cheaper methods, is to be met by a factory here in Charlotte whose success in other parts of the South has already been established. - Charlotte Observer.

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### CREAM OF THE PRESS.

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By constant agitation the enemies of education can manage to destroy the usefulness of public schools in Manitoba - New Orleans Picayune.

Our forefathers were brave enough to fight for Liberty. Their puny descendants are not even brave enough to vote for Liberty. - Arkansas Kicker.

No danger of the financial question well try to side track the grub ques-

Shoot the man who pulls down the American flag but support the man

The treasury will soon turn out a first class article of statistical lie to be used in the cuckoo soft soap manufactory of the administration. - Silver Knight.

The plutocratic papers are still lying about prosperity. If they know where It seems that but few of our country | there is any prosperity, why don't they -Farmers' Outlook.

The money power will endeavor to prejudices of the people, until all the

Men have a right to a chance to prothey beg for that chance and are denied it, is going to be smashed, and Cedartown Courier.

When any foreign power plucks at the American eagle, we look at his picture on the silver dollar and read, "In God we trust," and say with this motto and this dollar we can whip the world. - Nebraska Independ of.

It is said the greatest sufferers these days are the Jacksonian Democrats who are religious, and therefore prohibited from expressing their feelings towari Cieveland, Carlisle & Co., in appropriate language - Silver Knight.

If a private business man should give his notes, secured by mortgage, for \$1 500 000 000, for depreciated paper money and agree to pay in gold, he would be sent to an insane asylum quicker than you could say Jack R b mson. But that is what our government did - Farmers' Voice.

The Kentucky legislature is still 4. the farmers of North Carolina in every loting for senator. When it takes two way possible, and they will confer a or three months to elect a Democratic Senator in Kentucky, with strong everthey want information on any probabilities that a Republican will ubject. We will answer all inquires finally succeed, it is time for the Democratic party to begin to think ab ut a funeral, - S uthern Mercury,

K up it before the people that the Populate are unitedly in favor of 16 to I silver and government paper m ney; and nail it in public places that a Democratic Congress, Senate and President, indoesed the Republican truths into them boys, all along the line. - Missouri World.

## COL SKINNER DRAWS HIM OUT.

While Congres man Bartlett was making a free silver speech the other day, Col. Skinner asked Mr Battett what he would do 'if the Democratic National Convention adopted a gold platform and nominates a gold candidate will you support the ticket?"

"I will vote for any man," replied Mr. Bartlett "whom the majority of Democrats nominate in convention." "Then," replied Congressman Skin-

ner, "you are wilting to sacrifice the interest of the people on the altar of

It was a shoulder striker and hit the blind partyite right between the eyes.

## SHE WAS VERY OLD.

The Lebanon (Mo.) Sentinel publishes the following, which will interest some of our oldest inhabitants, no doubt:

"Mrs Eva Stone, who would have been 101 years old next June, died at her home south of Warrenburg recently. She was born near Raleigh, N C., June 28, 1795, and came to Johnson county in 1839, when the country was a wilderness. She was the oldest person in Johnson county, the mother of four children, ancestor of seventeen grandchildren, fifty tour great grandchildren, five great-greatgrandchildren and two great greatgreat grandchildren."

# "LABOR AND CAPITAL."

Saturday, Feb. 29.h, we sent a copy of "Labor and Capital" to Mr. C. H. Reeves, of Buncombe county. Last Sacurday the club raiser to ontain the book was Mr. W. B. Parks, Mecklenburg county.

Don't forget, friends, we are giving away a copy of this great book every week to the person sending us the larges; list of subscribers.

A few hours work may secure you this \$2 50 book. Try for it this week.